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HOUSE RESOLUTION 33

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WHEREAS, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services ("Department") administers the medical assistance ("Medicaid") program under the Illinois Public Aid Code; and

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WHEREAS, The Medicaid program provides coverage of nursing home and other healthcare expenses for low-income persons; and

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WHEREAS, Under the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Department has the authority, in certain circumstances, to file claims against the estates of deceased Medicaid recipients for amounts expended on a recipient's behalf under the Medicaid program; and

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WHEREAS, If the deceased recipient was a nursing home resident for a substantial period of time or receiving medical services for a substantial period of time, a claim may amount to many thousands of dollars, which can be quite a shock to the recipient's heirs, executor, and/or administrator; and

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WHEREAS, Because of the passage of time, there may be no way to verify the correctness of some items comprising the claim and the Medicaid recipient, executor, or administrator may have legitimate concerns about his or her liability for approving such items; and

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1           WHEREAS, The aforementioned circumstances and procedures  
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4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6           the Department of Healthcare and Family Services examine the  
7           methods by which a recipient, or his or her designee, while  
8           still living, can be provided with timely notice of each item  
9           of goods or services provided to the recipient under the  
10          medical assistance program, including in the notice at least  
11          the following: (i) a description of the item; (ii) the date the  
12          item was provided; (iii) the name and address of the vendor  
13          providing the item; and (iv) the cost of the item; and be it  
14          further

15          RESOLVED, That the Department of Healthcare and Family  
16          Services report its findings and recommendations to the House  
17          of Representatives; and be it further

18          RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to  
19          the Governor and the Director of Healthcare and Family  
20          Services.